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Title: Digital Image Scanner With A Variable Aperture Lens And Multiple Scanning Speeds

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**Title: DIGITAL IMAGE SCANNER WITH A VARIABLE APERTURE LENS AND MULTIPLE
SCANNING SPEEDS**

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REMARKS IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 remain in the application. Reconsideration and reexamination is respectfully requested.

In the paper mailed 10/04/2005, claims 1-2 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as allegedly claiming the same invention as US Patent No. 6,621,600. Applicant traverses. The claims in the present application derive from the parent of US Patent No. 6,621,600 and accordingly derive from an earlier filed application. In addition, the claims in US 6,621,600 contain additional elements not present in claims 1-2 of the present application. Accordingly, the present claims are broader, and are not the same invention as US 6,621,500. The examiner's rejection is in complete conflict with the analysis of double patenting specified in MPEP 804.

In the paper mailed 10/04/2005, claims 3-4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as allegedly not describing in the specification the elements of the method. Applicant traverses. Selecting first and second sampling rates, the second sampling rate being greater

than the first sampling rate, is illustrated in figure 2, steps 200 and 204, and discussed at page 6, line 27 through page 7, line 5. Scanning using a first aperture size when the sampling rate is a first sampling rate, and scanning with a second aperture size when the sampling rate is a second sampling rate, is illustrated in figure 2, steps 202, 204, 206, and 208, and discussed at page 6, line 27 through page 7, line 5. Selecting a first scanning speed or a second scanning speed, the second scanning speed being faster than the first scanning speed is illustrated in figure 3, steps 300 and 302, and discussed at page 7, lines 6-12. Scanning using a second aperture size when the scanning speed is the second scanning speed and scanning using the first aperture size when the scanning speed is the first scanning speed, the first aperture size being smaller than the second aperture size, is illustrated in figure 3, steps 302, 304, 306, and 308, and discussed at page 7, lines 6-12. Second, these claims have never been amended since the original application, and the claims are part of the application, so by definition, support for the claims is found in the original application. Finally, all of this claim language is in claims 1-2 of US 6,621,600, allowed by the same examiner, who apparently had no trouble finding support for the claims in that application

This application is considered to be in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

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